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# Governor Jan Brewer Names New Student Regent

PHOENIX- Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of Jennifer Ginther as the 2009 Arizona Board of Regents Student Regent.

"Ms. Ginther is an exceptionally qualified student who has shown through her many achievements and dedication to success that she will undoubtedly be an integral member of the Arizona Board of Regents," stated Brewer. "As a graduate student at Northern Arizona University who currently holds a 4.0 GPA she has a keen understanding of the importance of academia and a skilled knowledge of the university system. I am very pleased and honored to appoint her to this esteemed position."

Ms. Ginther is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Biology at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. At NAU she is a research specialist at the Microbial Genetics and Genomics Center. Additionally, she has been a graduate teaching assistant for the Biosciences Department, which required her to introduce lab assignments, supervise and assist students, as well as grade exams and laboratory reports.

Prior to her attendance at Northern Arizona University, Ms. Ginther served as an associate with Booz Allen Hamilton. In this capacity, she provided support to the Department of Homeland Security. This included performing high-level assessment and evaluation, while also interacting with those involved with the program to ensure that deadlines were met and budgets were adhered to.

Ms. Ginther brings with her to the board over 8 years of research experience and many top honors and awards. She has received a B.A. in Biology from The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, a Master of Science in Medical Biodefense from George Mason University, and a Graduate Certificate in Intelligence Studies from Mercyhurst College.

Ms. Ginther recently presented research at the 2009 Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases Conference/Workshop in Mesa. She has also presented research at annual conferences for the American Society for Microbiology-Biodefense and the Crossing Boundaries Conference for Medical Biodefense and Civilian Medicine.

Many of her professors and colleagues describe Ms. Ginther as an outstanding student who shows confidence and intelligence. They express that her personality and integrity cohesively demonstrate what a vital role she will fill as a member of the Arizona Board of Regents.

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